



# STIC EIC 2100 Search Request Form

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Today's Date:

10/02/03

What date would you like to use to limit the search?

Priority Date: 04/07/00 Other:

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AU 2172 Examiner # 78692

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Serial # 09/545,592

Format for Search Results (Circle One):

☒ PAPER

☐ DISK

☐ EMAIL

Where have you searched so far?

☒ USP

☐ DWPI ☐ EPO ☐ JPO ☐ ACM ☐ IBM TDB

☒ IEEE

☐ INSPEC ☐ SPI Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a "Fast & Focused" Search Request? (Circle One) YES ☒ NO

A "Fast & Focused" Search is completed in 2-3 hours (maximum). The search must be on a very specific topic and meet certain criteria. The criteria are posted in EIC2100 and on the EIC2100 NPL Web Page at <http://ptoweb/patents/stic/stic-tc2100.htm>.

What is the topic, novelty, motivation, utility, or other specific details defining the desired focus of this search? Please include the concepts, synonyms, keywords, acronyms, definitions, strategies, and anything else that helps to describe the topic. Please attach a copy of the abstract, background, brief summary, pertinent claims and any citations of relevant art you have found.

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False clause or False predicate or False statement  
Metadata (Retrieving or Obtaining or Extracting)

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# STIC Search Report

## EIC 2100

STIC Database Tracking Number: 105296

TO: Hung Pham  
Location: 4D35  
Art Unit : 2172  
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Case Serial Number: 09/545592

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### Search Notes

Dear Examiner Pham,

Attached please find the results of your search request for application 09/545592. I searched Dialog's foreign patent files, technical databases, product announcement files and general files; along with ACM, IBM's TDBs and the Internet.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Geoffrey St. Leger  
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# STIC Search Results Feedback Form

**EIC 2100**

Questions about the scope or the results of the search? Contact **the EIC searcher or contact:**

**Anne Hendrickson, EIC 2100 Team Leader  
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## Voluntary Results Feedback Form

➤ I am an examiner in Workgroup:  Example: 3730

➤ Relevant prior art **found**, search results used as follows:

- ☐ 102 rejection
- ☐ 103 rejection
- ☐ Cited as being of interest.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the invention.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

Types of relevant prior art found:

- ☐ Foreign Patent(s)
- ☐ Non-Patent Literature  
(journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

➤ Relevant prior art **not found**:

- ☐ Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- ☐ Results were not useful in determining patentability or understanding the invention.

**Comments:**

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